

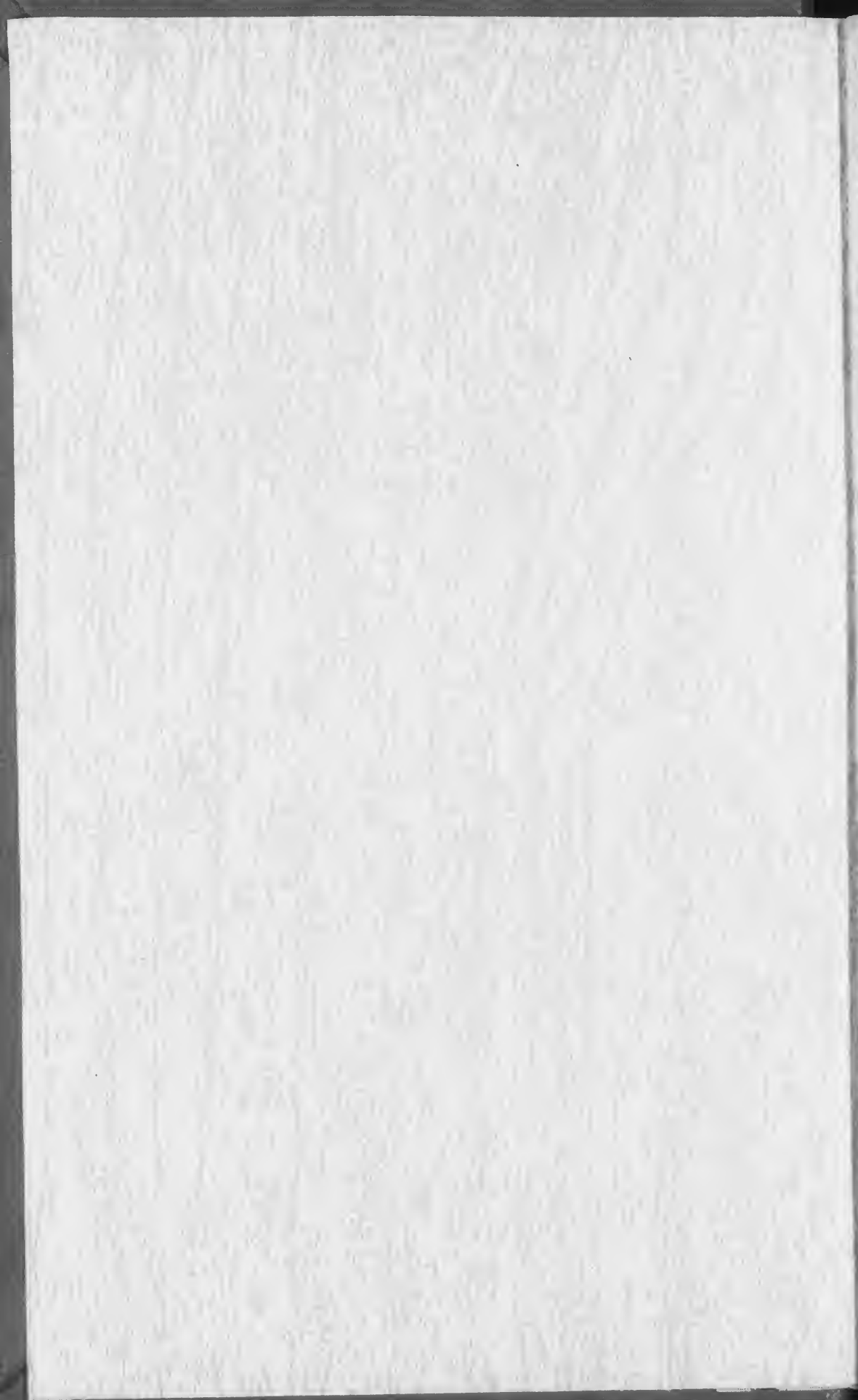
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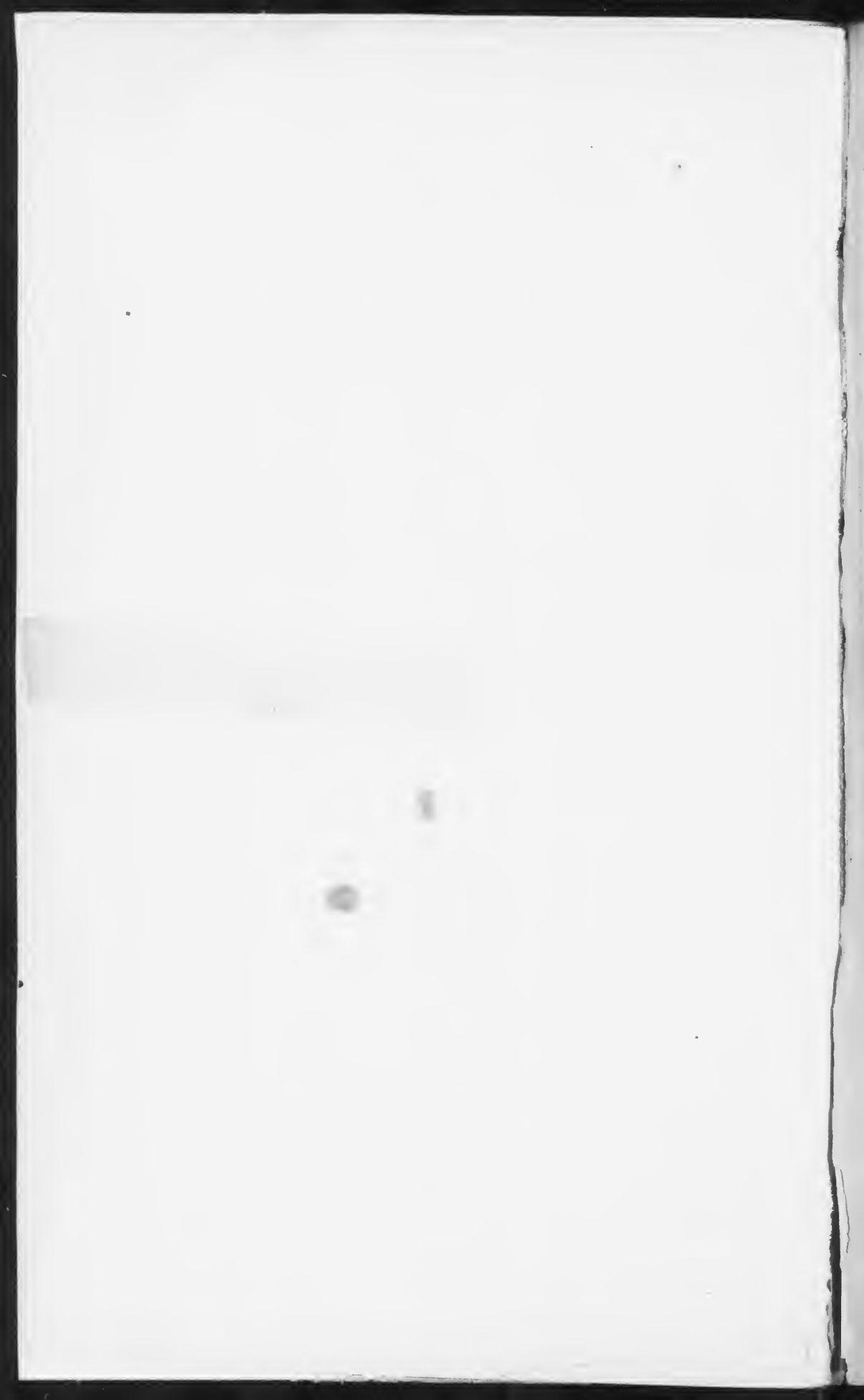
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OF THE

## MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1865.

Conference met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Methodist Protestant Church in Easton, Talbot Co., Md., at 9 o'clock A. M., and was opened by Rev. John R. Nichols, who read the 4th chapter of Ephesians, announced the 557th Hymn, and offered an appropriate prayer.

Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell was elected Assistant Secretary.

The Secretaries were appointed a committee to examine delegates' credentials.

The roll of Conference was called as follows :

### MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

✓ Eli Henkle,	David Wilson,	Dr. D. F. Ewell,
D. E. Reese,	T. D. Valiant,	J. T. Ward,
John W. Everist,	H. J. Day,	B. F. Benson,
Dr. F. Waters,	Dr. F. Swentzel,	W. M. Strayer,
J. K. Nichols,	T. M. Bryan,	W. W. Reese,
John Elderdice,	Jesse Shreeve,	C. T. Cochel,
John R. Nichols,	J. A. McFaden,	J. E. T. Ewell,
Dr. A. S. Eversole,	J. M. Dennis,	S. A. Hoblitzell,
James M. Elderdice,	J. H. Ellegood,	J. E. Maloy,
L. W. Bates,	E. J. Drinkhouse,	J. L. Mills,
Alfred Baker,	J. F. Whiteside,	Henry Nice,
S. B. Southerland,	J. T. Murray,	G. W. Burns,
H. P. Jordan,	Jeremiah Clay,	Robt. Whinna,
T. L. McLean,	Thomas Lee,	M. E. Hysore,
Dr. J. J. Murray,	W. S. Hammond,	J. W. Charlton,
P. L. Wilson,	H. C. Cushing,	J. B. Jones,
D. W. Bates,	T. A. Moore,	W. M. Poisal,
Thos. M. Wilson,	C. Eversole,	G. W. Simpson,
John Roberts,	Jas. Thompson,	G. S. Battersby,
R. S. Norris,	D. Bowers,	J. W. Gray,
W. T. Dumm,	A. D. Dick,	W. H. Hopkins.
John Morgan,	W. G. Holmes,	
D. A. Shermer,	C. H. Littleton,	

## PROBATIONERS.

J. D. Kinzer,  
T. H. B. Austin,  
W. D. Litsinger,

S. T. Ferguson,  
S. T. Graham,  
G. D. Edmonston,

T. C. Downes,  
F. M. Hawkins.

## DELEGATES.

H. Becker,  
Israel Norris,  
T. Remick,  
Wm. Anderson, Sr.,  
Dr. Joshua Wilson,  
W. C. Lipscomb,  
John C. Meredith,  
John S. Christie,  
Jerome B. Bennett,  
Garettson Gordy,  
R. H. Powell,  
Samuel James,  
John J. Smouse,  
Wm. Arnold,  
David Edie,  
Wm. Mackey,  
Chas. Erdman,  
Dr. W. H. Farrow,  
Lewis A. J. Lamott,  
J. M. Henkle,  
T. H. Leonard,  
Wm. Slaughter,

J. D. Cathell,  
Wm. H. Lane,  
Wm. H. Shipley,  
G. W. Cronise,  
Wm. Joyce,  
A. J. Fairbank,  
Nicholas Dorsey,  
Wm. T. Tomlinson,  
Gaven Spence,  
W. H. Todd,  
Ephraim Stoner,  
Ezekiel Moulton,  
John Coulbourn,  
P. E. Kent,  
John Coates,  
Joshua O. Sapp,  
J. H. Bramble,  
J. J. Taylor,  
Jacob Cronise,  
John H. Barrow,  
J. W. Penuel,  
G. W. Taylor,

Joshua Greenland,  
James Bond, Jr.,  
A. C. Nicely,  
Jas. P. Rigby,  
Wm. S. Corbin,  
J. D. Rodney,  
L. H. C. Davis,  
Wm. J. McFeely,  
Daniel C. Hopper,  
William Stevens,  
Dr. Walter Melvin,  
James J. Taylor,  
Arthur Johns,  
E. S. Grant,  
T. H. Burgess,  
J. H. Hopkins,  
John Morrison,  
Wm. Jones, Jr.,  
Green S. Etchison,  
Thos. M. Flint.

The order of the day having arrived, the Conference sermon was preached by Dr. A. S. Eversole.

## AFTERNOON SESSION, 2½ O'CLOCK.

The Conference was opened with religious services, conducted by Rev. D. A. Shermer.

The examination of official character was commenced.

The name of the President, Rev. James K. Nichols, was called, and his examination conducted by Rev. John W. Everist.

The new plan for the examination of official character, submitted by Dr. Murray, was adopted, as follows :

## EXAMINATION OF OFFICIAL CHARACTER

I. OF THE PRESIDENT.—The President shall leave the chair, and the oldest ex-President (or, in his absence, the minister whose name stands first on the roll,) shall preside.

The Secretary shall call the name of the President. The President shall rise, and read his annual communication. The presiding officer shall then say :

"Brethren, are you satisfied with the official character of brother——?"

If no objection is offered, the official character of the President shall stand approved, and he shall resume the chair. If objection is made, the Conference shall consider and act upon it immediately.

II. OF SUPERINTENDENTS.—Each Superintendent shall rise as his name is called by the Secretary. The President shall say:

1. Delegate from ——, Is there any objection to the official character of brother——?

2. Brethren, are you satisfied with the official character of brother——?

[At this point it will be in order for any brother who is not satisfied with the official conduct of the Superintendent under examination, to interrogate him in relation thereto.]

If no objection is made, the character of the Superintendent shall stand approved; but in case of objection the matter shall be referred to a special committee, who shall examine and report thereupon at the earliest practicable moment.

III. OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS AND OTHER MINISTERS.—In the examination of assistants and other ministers, except missionaries, the superintendent shall be interrogated. Missionaries shall be regarded as Superintendents.

Rev. John Roberts, in behalf of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, made an offer of their house of worship for any purpose for which the Conference may determine to use it.

On motion, the thanks of the Conference were tendered to the above Trustees.

When the name of Rev. B. F. Brooke was called, on motion, he was recorded as having withdrawn from the Methodist Protestant Church.

Conference adjourned, with prayer by Dr. Murray.

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THURSDAY MORNING, 8 O'CLOCK.

Religious services conducted by Rev. Thomas Lee.

Examination of official character was resumed.

When the name of Rev. Reuben T. Boyd was called, Rev. David Wilson formally announced the death of this brother, and paid a feeling tribute to his memory.

Rev. D. W. Bates made some appropriate remarks in respect to the life, services and death of Rev. George D. Hamilton. The cases of Bros. Boyd and Hamilton were referred to Obituary Committees.

Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse was left without an appointment for one year, at his own request.

The request of Rev. W. F. Livingston, to be transferred to the unstationed list, was granted.

The following preamble and resolutions, offered by Rev. D. Bowers, were adopted :

*Whereas*, The Rev. J. Thomas Ward, pastor of the Ninth Street Church, Washington, D. C., and his delegate, Rev. W. C. Lipscomb, are providentially absent from this session of Conference by reason of domestic affliction ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we do hereby tender to these dear brethren this expression of our sympathy, praying that they may be sustained by the grace of God.

On motion, the executive paper was referred to the following committee : D. A. Shermer, R. S. Norris, P. L. Wilson, W. Arnold, J. S. Christie.

The request of Rev. T. D. Valiant, to have his supernumerary relation continued, was referred to the President.

The resolution offered by J. D. Cathell and Dr. Joshua Wilson, in relation to ministerial support, was referred to a committee of four ministers and five laymen. Committee : Dr. J. J. Murray, L. W. Bates, H. C. Cushing, D. Evans Reese, J. D. Cathell, Dr. J. Wilson, Israel Norris, John Coulbourn, D. C. Hopper.

The report of the Book Directory was read, received and referred to the Committee on Literature.

On motion of Rev. R. S. Norris,

*Resolved*, That a Committee on Temperance be added to the present list of Standing Committees.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. P. L. Wilson.

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AFTERNOON SESSION, 2½ O'CLOCK.

Conference was opened by Rev. H. C. Cushing.

The Conference proceeded to determine the place at which to hold its next Session. Starr Church, Baltimore City, was selected.

The order of the day was taken up, and Rev. J. J. Murray was elected President.

STANDING DISTRICT COMMITTEE—Dr. F. Waters, D. E. Reese, Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, Gen. George Vickers, J. W. Richardson, L. J. Cox, Jr.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS—J. W. Everist, John Roberts, L. H. C. Davis, G. Gordy.

CONFERENCE STEWARD—W. M. Strayer.

MISSIONARY FUND STEWARD—A. D. Dick.

SUPERANNUATED FUND STEWARD—J. E. Maloy.

SECRETARY—Wm. S. Hammond.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY—Wm. H. Hopkins.

On motion, the name of Rev. J. K. Nichols was substituted for that of Rev. J. J. Murray on the Committee on Ministerial Support.

The Committee on Church Extension Fund Society, was received and adopted, as follows :

ART. 1.—This Society shall be known by the style and title of the "Church Extension Fund Society" of the Maryland Annual Conference.

#### OFFICERS.

ART. 2.—The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Board of nine Managers, five ministers, and four laymen, who shall be elected annually during the sessions of the Maryland Annual Conference.

ART. 3.—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the Annual Meetings of the Society, or, in his absence, one of the three Vice Presidents shall take the chair, in the order of priority of election ; and to convene special meetings of the Society, or of the Board of Managers, on a call of a majority of the Board, and to perform such other duties as may hereafter be specified in the constitution.

ART. 4.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep, in a book to be provided for the purpose, an accurate and faithful account of the proceedings of the annual and other meetings of the Society, together with the proceedings of the Board of Managers.

ART. 5.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep all funds belonging to the Society, in such place of security, in such forms of investment as the Board of Managers may direct, and to pay the same only as directed by the Board of Managers ; all drafts and orders being signed by a majority of the Board of Managers, of which appropriation, or orders none are to be considered unless written on the printed checks of the Society. The Treasurer shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, give bond in the sum of——dollars.

ART. 6.—It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to manage and control the affairs of the Society in the interim of the Annual Sessions, to consider all applications for the funds of the Society—a majority of one over two-thirds of the number composing the Board, being always requisite to sanction an appropriation, bequest, or loan, such applications and loans being always made in the manner and upon the conditions hereafter specified in this constitution.

## OBJECTS.

ART. 7.—The object of this Society shall be, the erection of Church edifices, in connection with the Maryland Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, and within the limits of its proper territorial boundaries, furnishing incidentally aid to such other Churches, within the aforesaid limits, whose location, probable resources, and prospective ability, may demand the fostering care and help of the Church.

ART. 8.—No appropriation of monies shall be made by the Board of Managers for the relief of any Church within the aforesaid territorial limits, except there shall first be filed with the Board of Managers, a statement of the Trustees, applying for such aid, a full report of the state of their Church, including the number of members, the population, the size, material, and finish of the house, the estimated cost, or the contract price, the exact amount of reliable subscriptions, being at least three-fourths of the estimated cost, or contract price, the payments made, and the debts incurred, or remaining unpaid, to be certified to by the Superintendent of the Circuit, Station, or Mission, and upon the further condition that a satisfactory preferred bond or mortgage, shall first be legally executed, to be kept by the Society, as security for the amount of money loaned or appropriated, in the event of sale, devise, or alienation of the property from the uses of Divine worship in connection with the Maryland Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant Church.

ART. 9.—Appropriation for the erection of new Churches, shall be made only, in such cases as comply with the foregoing regulations, and who exhibit to the Board of Managers, satisfactory evidence of the validity of the title to the lands upon which Churches are proposed to be erected, and that a *bona fide* deed has been made, to trustees properly elected.

ART. 10.—No monies shall be appropriated by this Society, for either of the purposes specified in this constitution, until there shall have been first secured a cash capital of five thousand dollars, and no part of the aforesaid principal shall ever be appropriated on gift or loan, but shall be increased at the discretion of the Society to not more than——thousand dollars.

ART. 11.—There shall be taken up with the sanction and consent of the Maryland Annual Conference, on the first Sunday of the New Year, and annually thereafter, collections in all our Churches in aid of the Funds of this Society, which monies shall be forwarded to the Treasurer; said collections to be given as a thank-offering to the Lord, for the mercies and blessings of the past year.

ART. 12.—No loan made by the Board of Managers shall be converted into a bequest or gift, but by vote of the Society at its Annual Meeting.

DAVID WILSON,  
DANIEL W. BATES,  
J. THOMAS MURRAY,  
FRANCIS WATERS,  
WM. S. HAMMOND,  
J. R. NICHOLS.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Dr. F. Waters.

FRIDAY MORNING, 8 O'CLOCK.

Religious services conducted by Rev. Thomas Moore.

The President announced the following standing committees :

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Dr. A. S. Eversole, H. Becker, John C. Meredith.

FINANCE—J. B. Bennett, Ephraim Stoner.

EXECUTIVE—John W. Everist, James K. Nichols, L. W. Bates, D. C. Hopper, John Coates, J. D. Rodney.

ON ITINERANCY AND ORDERS—P. Light Wilson, Dr. F. Swentzel, Benj. F. Benson, John D. Cathell, William H. Todd.

ON NECESSITIES AND REQUESTS OF CIRCUITS AND STATIONS—Philip E. Kent, Wm. Slaughter, Israel Norris, John Coulbourn, Wm. Anderson, Samuel James, Wm. Mackay.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES—W. S. Hammond.

PULPIT SERVICES—J. Roberts, J. E. Maloy, W. M. Poisal.

ON MISSIONS—J. Thomas Murray, Jesse Sheeve, D. Bowers, James Bond, Jr., John H. Barrow, Wm. J. McFeely.

ON LITERATURE—Dr. F. Waters, John Elderdice, H. C. Cushing, Dr. Joshua Wilson, Dr. W. H. Farrow, Dr. Walter Melvin.

ON SUPERANNUATED CLAIMANTS—John R. Nichols, D. W. Bates, Dr. D. F. Ewell, Nicholas Dorsey, Wm. T. Tomlinson, Robert Powell.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—R. Scott Norris, Thomas A. Moore, W. W. Reese, Wm. Arnold, Geo. W. Burns, David Edie.

STATISTICS—James M. Elderdice.

ON COLLECTIONS FOR PUBLICATION OF MINUTES—Henry Nice, Wm. Stevens.

ON ECCLESIASTICAL COMMUNICATIONS AND VISITATIONS—David Wilson, D. A. Shermer, H. J. Day, Garretson Gordy, Gaven Spence.

ON TEMPERANCE—Joseph A. McFaden, Joseph L. Mills, J. H. Bramble.

Rev. D. Evans Reese, Pres't of Faculty of Instruction.

On motion of J. R. Nichols,

*Resolved*, That the senior member of the Standing District Committee, shall be chairman of the same.



The following, offered by J. Roberts, was adopted :

*Resolved*, As the sense of this Conference, that the rule restricting the appointment of members of standing committees, to but one committee, does not apply to the Committee on Obituaries.

The subject of a Sabbath-School paper was referred to the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

The papers from Starr Church were referred to a special committee, consisting of Dr. F. Waters, L. W. Bates, P. L. Wilson, A. J. Fairbank, P. E. Kent.

Conference resolved itself into the Superannuated Fund Society.

The supernumerary relation of J. M. Dennis was continued.

The cases of Thomas Lee and J. L. Mills, were referred to Committee on Superannuated Fund Claimants.

John Morgan not heard from.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Dr. D. F. Ewell.

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AFTERNOON SESSION, 2½ O'CLOCK.

The Conference was opened by Rev. W. T. Dumm.

The following committee was appointed on the President's salary: James K. Nichols, L. W. Bates, J. W. Everist, D. C. Hopper, J. D. Cathell.

On motion, the second Wednesday in March, 1866, was fixed as the time at which to hold the next Session of Conference.

The following resolutions, offered by Dr. Murray, at the Conference held in the Broadway Church, Baltimore, were, on motion, re-adopted by a rising vote :

*Resolved*, That in grateful recognition of the Divine favor by which we have enjoyed peace and prosperity in nearly every part of our district during the past year, we consecrate ourselves anew to our *one* work of proclaiming by word and example "the unsearchable riches of Christ."

2. *Resolved*, That in further acknowledgment of the mercy and goodness of God to us, a portion of His people, we set apart the second Sunday in May, to be observed as a day of thanksgiving and special supplication for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our churches, and an increase of laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.

Conference resolved itself into the Missionary Society.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. D. A. Shermer.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8 O'CLOCK.

Religious services conducted by Rev. G. S. Battersby.

Rev. D. A. Shermer presented the following report, which was adopted :

The committee upon the Executive paper finding, by said paper, that a benevolent lady has donated to this Conference a President's parsonage, do recommend the following :

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our thanks to the donor of this valuable gift ; and do further recommend the immediate appointment of a Special Committee, whose duty it shall be to present to our honored sister a copy of this paper, and formally receive from her this very acceptable gift.

We further recommend that the Committee be directed to carry out the condition specified in the gift, by raising funds (according to the plan proposed in the "Methodist Protestant,") for furnishing the parsonage, and to attend to furnishing the same immediately.

We also recommend that a Parsonage Committee be appointed, all of whom shall be residents of Baltimore city, to have the general oversight of the property, collecting from the incumbent annually an amount sufficient to cover the taxes, water and ground rents, fire insurance, and \$25 additional, to be deposited in the Savings Bank of Baltimore, to meet all incidental expenses upon the parsonage and furniture.

We also recommend to the Conference the suggestion made in the Executive paper in regard to the brethren drafted into the military service. That a committee be appointed to inquire into these cases, and report to the Conference at as early a period as possible during the present Session.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Special Committee, originated by the adoption of the above report, consist of two ministers and two laymen, and be appointed by the President, and the Parsonage Committee be appointed by nomination.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE—John R. Nichols, D. W. Bates, Jas. Bond, Jr., John Christie.

PARSONAGE COMMITTEE—Jas. Bond, Jr., John W. Richardson, Wm. Bond, Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, S. B. Taylor, Edward C. Thomas, A. J. Fairbank.

Power was granted to this Board to fill its own vacancies.

Rev. J. Thomas Murray was added to the Parsonage Committee as chairman of the same.

The report of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was received ; and, after being amended, was adopted.

R. Semple Rowe, J. E. Read, John M. Holmes, Alfred T. Melvin and George Stephenson, were admitted into the itinerancy.

The case of John E. Darby was referred to the President.

J. D. Litsinger, R. Semple Rowe, W. H. Todd and R. H. Powell, were elected to Deacon's Orders; and J. W. Gray, George S. Battersby, W. M. Poisal, and J. W. Charlton, to Elder's Orders.

The report of Committee on Ministerial Support was submitted, and the resolutions offered by J. D. Cathell, as amended, were adopted, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the allowance for each itinerant minister and preacher be \$200; also the wife of each itinerant minister and preacher be \$200, and the children of each itinerant minister and preacher be \$50 each, for each Conference year during minority or physical or mental imbecility, and traveling expenses. Each circuit and station shall allow such additional sum for house rent, table supplies, fuel and other family expenses, as in the judgment of the Quarterly Conference may be necessary and proper.

2. *Resolved*, That the resolution passed by the Conference held in Alexandria, Va., in March, 1855 be, and is hereby rescinded.

J. K. NICHOLS, Chairman.

T. C. Downs was left without an appointment for one year, at his own request.

A paper from Carlisle Circuit was referred to the following committee: D. E. Reese, S. B. Southerland, H. C. Cushing.

The request of Alfred Baker to be left without an appointment, was referred to the President.

On motion of D. W. Bates,

*Resolved*, That this Conference recommend an interchange of pulpits to our ministers, when they lift their Missionary and Superannuated Fund Collections.

Conference adjourned with prayer by A. J. Fairbank.

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#### AFTERNOON SESSION, 2½ O'CLOCK.

Conference opened by Rev. J. W. Gray.

The Methodist Protestant Church was selected as the place, and Sabbath morning the time for the ordination of Elders; and the same place in the evening for the ordination of Deacons.

A paper from Federalsburg Mission was received, and referred to the Missionary Committee.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. Wm. T. Dumm.

MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 13, 8 O'CLOCK.

Rev. G. W. Burns conducted religious services.

D. E. Reese was excused from further service on the committee on paper from Carlisle Circuit; and Dr. D. F. Ewell, R. S. Norris and W. T. Dumm, were added to said committee.

The report of Committee on Missions was received and adopted, as follows:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF MISSIONS.

#### I. PROSPECTIVE MISSIONARY RESOURCES, *for the year ending March, 1866.*

Amount of collections from the Circuits, Stations and Missions, making the estimate from the collections of the past year.....	\$1800 00
Interest from Jefferson Benevolent Society.....	400 00
Collections at Anniversary Meeting.....	300 00
Dues from members of Missionary Society.....	50 00
Total.....	<u>\$2,550 00</u>

#### II. MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Broadway continued—Appropriation.....	\$800 00
Lexington St. “ “ .....	450 00
Kent Island “ “ .....	200 00
Newark “ “ .....	300 00
Cumberland “ “ .....	350 00
Delaware “ “ .....	150 00
Towsontown “ “ .....	100 00
Frederick Mission continued—with an appropriation provided, that Jefferson Benevolent Society, after paying the amount appropriated to Frederick Mission, pay the balance of the interest of the vested funds of said Society, to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society of the Maryland Annual Conference, to be distributed according to the rule of Conference. Am't of approp.	300 00
Buckeystown Mission continued. This Mission is continued with a view of meeting the wishes of the petitioners from that part of Frederick County, formerly members of the M. E. Church, who desire the establishment of a Mission under the Constitution and Discipline of the M. P. Church, to be called “Buckeystown Mission.” Appropriation.....	200 00
Potomac, continued.....	75 00
Tuckahoe Neck, Potter's Landing, The Oaks and Union Grove, in Caroline County, to be connected with Federalsburg Mission, and these appointments to be designated as Choptank Mission. Appropriation.....	100 00
Montgomery, continued.....	100 00
	<u>\$3,200 00</u>

Appropriations brought forward.....	\$3,200 00
Frederick Avenue, Baltimore, to be made a Mission and connected with Lexington Street.	
Millsborough to be made a Mission. Appropriation referred to the President.	
Tiaskin to be made a Mission. No appropriation.	
West Washington Mission, continued. No appropriation.	
East Washington, continued. No appropriation.	
Total.....	\$3,200 00

The Committee recommend that the Board of Missions be authorized to effect the loan contemplated by Missionary resolution for the benefit of Missionaries.

They furthermore recommend a reconsideration of the resolution authorizing a loan of one-half of the amount appropriated for Missions, and that one thousand dollars be authorized as the amount of the loan.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. MURRAY, Chairman.

L. W. Bates and D. E. Reese, offered the following, which was adopted :

*Whereas*, Believing it is our duty as a Christian body, to promote in all our Churches the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, as taught in the Word of God ; and,

*Whereas*, Having learned that soon after the rise of last Conference, an unpleasant difficulty occurred in the Broadway Mission Church, Baltimore, between the pastor and some of the members of that charge, which resulted in their withdrawal from the Church ; and,

*Whereas*, The said brethren, to preserve their membership in the Church of Christ intact, have organized themselves into a regular society, and have maintained the public and social worship of God among them. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the members of this Conference express deep regret at the occurrence and its results, and fondly indulge the hope that the brethren who withdrew from this Mission will immediately return to the Church of their choice.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Dr. Waters.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, 2½ O'CLOCK.

Opening services conducted by Rev. John R. Nichols.

Conference resolved itself into Home Missionary Society.

The report of Committee on Superannuated Fund Claimants was taken up, and, after being amended, was adopted as follows :

*Claimants for Year commencing March 15, 1865.*—Eli Henkle, T. M. Wilson, Thomas Lee, J. L. Mills, Mrs. Greenaway, Mrs. Roby, Mrs. Maddox, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. M. Reese, Mrs. A. Scull, Mrs. F. G. Wright, Mrs. T. C. Ewell, Mrs. M. Varden, Mrs. Kesley, Mrs. Rawleigh, Mrs. Ann Hamilton, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. S. R.

Wright. T. L. McLean without appropriation. H. P.  
Jordan without appropriation.

## ACCORDING TO SECOND RESOLUTION.

Eli Henkle.....	\$300	Mrs. M. Reese.....	\$150
Reuben T. Boyd.....	350	Mrs. Collins.....	150
T. M. Wilson.....	350	Mrs. Scull.....	150
G. D. Hamilton.....	300	Mrs. F. G. Wright.....	200
Thomas Lee.....	400	Mrs. T. C. Ewell.....	300
Mrs. Greenaway.....	350	Mrs. M. Varden.....	150
Mrs. Roby.....	250	Mrs. Kesley.....	150
Mrs. Maddox.....	150	Mrs. Rawleigh.....	150
Mrs. Webster.....	150	Mrs. S. R. Wright.....	150

## ACCORDING TO THIRD RESOLUTION.

Eli Henkle.....	\$300 00	Mrs. Webster.....	\$150 00
For living.....	200 00	For living.....	00 00
22 yrs. service at 5 per ct..	110 00	19 years at 5 per cent.....	95 00
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	\$610 00		\$245 00
Deduct 5 per cent on \$3,000	150 00		
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	\$460 00	Mrs. M. Reese.....	\$150 00
		For living.....	00 00
		23 years at 5 per cent.....	115 00
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			\$265 00
Geo. D. Hamilton.....	\$300 00		
For living.....	300 00		
27 yrs. service at 5 per ct..	135 00		
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	\$735 00	Mrs. Scull.....	\$150 00
		Mrs. Varden.....	\$150 00
		For living....	75 00
		23 years at 5 per cent.....	115 00
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			\$340 00
	\$725 00	Deduct 5 per ct on \$5,000..	250 00
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			\$90 00
T. M. Wilson.....	\$350 00		
For living.....	250 00		
16 yrs. service at 5 per ct.	80 00		
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	\$680 00	Mrs. Kesley.....	\$150 00
		For living.....	00 00
		10 years at 5 per cent.....	50 00
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			\$200 00
Deduct 5 per ct. on \$3,000	150 00		
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	\$530 00	Mrs. Rawleigh.....	\$150 00
		For living.....	00 00
		On 10 years at 5 per cent.	50 00
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			\$200 00
Thomas Lee.....	\$400 00		
For living.....	200 00		
11 years at 5 per cent.....	55 00		
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	\$655 00	Mrs. Collins.....	\$150 00
		For living.....	00 00
		9 years at 5 per cent.....	45 00
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			\$195 00
Ability for support \$200	} 275 00		
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	\$380 00		

Mrs. Maddox.....	\$150 00	Mrs. F. G. Wright.....	\$200 00
For living.....	00 00	For living.....	100 00
On 6 years at 5 per cent..	30 00	On 4 years at 5 per cent...	20 00
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	\$180 00		\$320 00
Mrs. Roby.....	\$250 00	Mrs. Greenaway.....	\$350 00
For living.....	100 00	For living.....	150 00
On 23 years at 5 per cent..	115 00	On 8 years at 5 per cent...	40 00
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	\$465 00		\$540 00
Mrs. W. T. Wright.....	\$150 00	Mrs. T. C. Ewell.....	\$300 00
For living.....	00 00	For living.....	100 00
On 17 years at 5 per cent..	85 00	On 6 years at 5 per cent...	30 00
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	\$235 00		\$430 00
Deduct 5 per ct. on \$1,500.	75 00	Deduct 5 per ct. on \$4,000.	200 00
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	\$160 00		\$230 00

JOHN R. NICHOLS, Chairman.

Edmund White was left in the hands of the President.

On motion of L. W. Bates,

*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on Superannuated Claimants, apply to the funds now in hand.

The same plan was adopted as the basis for next year.

The report of Committee on Literature was received, and adopted as follows :

The Committee on the address of the Book Directory and accompanying documents, respectfully submit the following Report: That in examining the Statement presented to the Conference by the Directory, it appears that this interest of the Church has suffered some decline during the year just passed, but not such as to materially affect its future success, in case suitable measures be adopted and energetically applied to invigorate the Concern. These measures are called for in regard to both these agencies of the Church: that is, the Book Department and the Periodical. In regard to the latter, the Committee cordially adopt and commend to the serious consideration of the Conference, the views of the Directory as addressed in their Report, that it is essential to the success and greater usefulness of the Periodical, that so soon as practicable, it be placed under the management of some suitable and competent editor, who can devote sufficient time and attention to render the paper more available and efficient as an agency of the Church.

Further, as the General Convention is expected to meet at so early a day, your Committee advise that this Conference recommend, through the Book Directory, that the subject in all its bearings be submitted to the grave consideration of that official body at its approaching session.

In conclusion, your Committee, in behalf of the Conference, offer sin-

were thanks to the Book Directory for their disinterested and devoted labors in behalf of these important interests of the Church; and recommend that suitable and energetic efforts be still continued for a more enlarged circulation of the Church periodical, believing that this is highly important to our extension and usefulness as an ecclesiastical body.

DR. F. WATERS, Chairman.

On motion of J. Thomas Murray,

*Resolved*, That our Representatives to the General Conference, be instructed, if expedient, to take the necessary action to have the Rule requiring the office of editor of THE METHODIST PROTESTANT and Book Agent, to be filled by the same person, so altered as to disconnect the offices.

The Committee on Starr Church, reported as follows:

*Resolved*, 1. That the thanks of this Conference be and are hereby tendered to Bro. Wesley Starr, for his very liberal donation of \$648.01.

*Resolved*, 2. That the account presented by Bro. Wm. F. Pentz, be referred to a committee of three, to confer with him, as your committee have not the time necessary to investigate the subject.

*Resolved*, 3. That Bros. L. J. Cox, Jr., J. W. Richardson and John G. Clarke, compose said committee.

*Resolved*, 4. That the ministerial members of this Conference, be urged to redeem their pledge of last Session, to do their utmost to collect the \$2,000, to assist Bros. Pentz and Bond, in completing the basement of Starr Church.

DR. FRANCIS WATERS, Chairman.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. D. Bowers.

MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 13, 7 O'CLOCK.

Religious services by Dr. A. S. Eversole.

The report of Committee on Necessities and Requests of Circuits and Stations, (P. E. Kent, chairman,) after being amended, was adopted, as follows:

The request of Bayard Chapel to be connected with Warwick circuit, was referred to the Quarterly Conference of Cecil circuit.

Starr Church was set apart from the official supervision of the Superintendent of Lexington Street Mission.

The petition from Trough Creek circuit, to transfer said circuit to the Pittsburg Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, was not granted, because this Conference has no jurisdiction in the premises. The case was referred to the President.

Union circuit, Md., was divided into two parts: The appointments known as Salisbury, Union and Parkers, to be called Salisbury circuit; and the appointments known as Laurel, Snethen, Mt. Moriah, Portsville, Sharpstown and Louisville, to be called Union circuit.

The report of Committee on Religious Exercise on, laying



corner stones, dedicating Churches, etc., was adopted, as follows :

ORDER OF RELIGIOUS EXERCISES IN LAYING THE CORNER-STONE FOR A METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

I.

The officiating minister shall repeat the following, viz: "Except the *Lord* build the house, they labor in vain that build it." *Psa. cxxvii: 1.* "Therefore, thus saith the Lord God, behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone, a *sure* foundation. *Isa. xxviii: 16.*

II.

The minister and people shall repeat the following Psalm, in alternate passages; the minister beginning and the people reading the italicized verses.

PSALM CXXXII.

*David's zealous care for the Ark.*

¶ A Song of degrees.

Lord, remember David, and all his afflictions :

2. *How he swore unto the Lord, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob:*

3. Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed :

4. *I will not give sleep unto mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids,*

5. Until I find out a place for the Lord, a habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

6. *Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.*

7. We will go into His tabernacles; we will worship at His footstool.

8. *Arise, O Lord, unto Thy rest; Thou, and the ark of Thy strength.*

9. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let Thy saints shout for joy.

10. *For thy servant David's sake, turn not away the face of Thine anointed.*

11. The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David. He will not turn from it: of the fruit of Thy body will I set upon Thy throne.

12. *If Thy children will keep My covenant and My testimony that I shall teach them; their children shall also sit upon Thy throne forevermore.*

13. For the Lord has chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation.

14. *This is my rest forever; here will I dwell; for I have desired it.*

15. I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread.

16. *I will also clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.*

17. There will I make the horn of David to bud; I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

18. *His enemies will I clothe with shame; but upon himself shall his crown flourish.*

The minister shall now read the following portion of the New Testament:

## 1 COR., III.

9. For we are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, *ye are God's building.*

10. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12. Now if any man build upon this foundation, gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13. Every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work, of what sort it is.

14. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

16. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you.

17. If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

18. Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

19. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

20. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

21. Therefore let no man glory in men; for all things are yours;

22. Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;

23. And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

## III.

*The Minister, addressing the people, shall say:*

It is right and meet, that we follow the holy example of the pious servants of God, who, in all ages, have had their chosen places set apart for His divine worship. And in accordance with this godly custom, we propose here to erect a house unto the Lord; and are now assembled to lay the corner-stone of this new temple for the dwelling of the Most High, where He may record His Name, and come and bless His people. Trusting to His gracious approval of this pious undertaking, let us pour forth our thanksgiving and praise to His Holy Name, in one of the songs of Zion, and devoutly invoke His benediction upon our enterprise.

## IV.

SING THE 201 HYMN.

## V.

The minister and people will now repeat the Lord's prayer, after which the minister shall offer the following petition to the throne of grace:

O Lord our God, who dwelleth on high, and whose glory is above the heavens ; who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment, and stretchest out the heavens like a curtain ; who hast said Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool ; but who dost condescend to dwell with the lowly and contrite in heart, and those that tremble at Thy word : Thou Holy and Glorious Lord God Almighty, who hast manifested Thy mercy and goodness in the person of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, through whose blood and intercession we have access to Thy benign presence—we come this day to honor Thy institution of public worship by erecting a House to Thy glory. We thank Thee that Thou hast put it into the hearts of Thy people here to build a Sanctuary to Thy Name ; and beseech Thee to inspire them with a becoming liberality, that all may give as Thou hast prospered them, that there be no stint in providing for Thy holy worship. May the friends of this pious undertaking be multiplied to such an extent, that the workman need not stop, nor the hearts of those who have it in charge fail them. But wilt Thou graciously incline the people to give of their substance until this habitation of Thy house shall be complete, and ready for consecration to Thy Blessed Name. May the counsels of those who have the oversight thereof be harmonious and brotherly, influenced by the one commendable desire to glorify Thee, and benefit the people. May the work be completed without accident or injury to any engaged therein. May the interest that many manifest in the erection of this house eventuate in the salvation of themselves and their families. And we beseech Thee O Lord, so to imbue us with Thy Spirit, that we may be always ready to every good work, using our bodies as temples of the Holy Ghost. May Thy pleasure prosper in our hands. And when the duties and enjoyments of Thy earthly service are ended, may we all meet in the Temple of Thy glory, to share in the rest that remaineth to Thy people, forever. Grant us, O Lord, these our humble supplications, and all other favors needful for us, for the sake, and through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## VI.

HYMN 203.

## VII.

THE ADDRESS OR SERMON.

## VIII.

THE COLLECTION.

## IX.

The officiating minister shall now distribute among the attending ministers or officary of the church, the different articles to be deposited in the excavation, retaining a copy of the Holy Scriptures in his own hands. The workman shall move the stone to its appointed place, and each one having deposited the article committed to him, in the cavity, the minister shall place the cap upon the stone, and say :

For the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom upon the earth, for the glory of His Name, and the propagation of His truth, we lay the corner-stone of this house of divine worship, invoking His blessing upon the work of our hands.

## X.

## DOXOLOGY AND BENEDICTION.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR THE DEDICATION OF A METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

## I.

## AN INVOCATION.

O LORD God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; we bow before Thy holy presence, to offer unto Thee the worship of our bodies and spirits which are Thine. Will it please Thee to graciously fill our minds and hearts with Thyself; so imbuing us with Thy ever blessed Spirit, that we may worship Thee with sincerity and acceptability, to the edification of our unworthy souls, and the glory of Thy exalted Name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## II.

The minister and people shall read one or more of the following Psalms. The minister reading the first verse, and the people reading the second, and so on alternately.

## PSALM CXXII.

*David prayeth for Jerusalem.*

## ¶ A Song of degrees of David.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

2. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.
3. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:
4. Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.
5. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
7. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.
8. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.
9. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek Thy good.

## PSALM LXXXIV.

*Blessedness of God's service.*

¶ To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

2. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3. Yea, the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

4. Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house ; they will be still praising thee. Selah.

5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee ; in whose heart are the ways of them.

6. Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well ; the rain also filleth the pools.

7. They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

8. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer ; give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

9. Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of Thine annointed.

10. For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11. For the Lord God is a sun and shield : the Lord will give grace and glory ; no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

#### PSALM XLVIII.

*Zion's beauty described.*

¶ A Song and Psalm of the sons of Korah.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

2. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

3. God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

4. For lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.

5. They saw it, and so they marvelled ; they were troubled, and hasted away.

6. Fear took hold upon them there, and pain as of a woman in travail.

7. Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

8. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God : God will establish it for ever. Selah.

9. We have thought of thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple.

10. According to Thy name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth ; Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

11. Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of Thy judgments.

12. Walk about Zion, and go round about her : tell the towers thereof.

13. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces ; that ye may tell it to the generation following.

14. For this God is our God for ever and ever ; He will be our guide even unto death.

#### III. HYMN 202.

## IV.

*An extemporaneous prayer or the following :*

O Lord God of Israel, there is no God like Thee in the heaven, nor in the earth ; who keepest covenant and showest mercy unto Thy servants that walk before Thee with all their hearts. (But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth ?)

Have respect, therefore, to the prayer of Thy servants and to their supplication, O Lord, our God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer, which Thy servants pray before Thee : that thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof Thou hast said, that Thou wouldst put Thy Name there to hearken unto the prayers which Thy servants pray towards this place. Hear Thou, therefore, from Thy dwelling-place, even from heaven ; and when Thou hearest, forgive.

If thy people be put to the worst before the enemy, because they have sinned against Thee, or if the heavens be shut up and there is no rain ; if there be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, or blasting ; whatsoever sore or whatsoever sickness there be ; then what prayer or what supplication soever of any man or of all Thy people, when every one shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house, and return and confess Thy Name, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly. Then hear Thou from heaven Thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest ; (for Thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men ; ) that they may fear Thee to walk in Thy ways so long as they live.

Now therefore arise, O Lord God, unto Thy resting-place, Thou, and the ark of Thy strength ; let Thy priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let Thy saints rejoice in goodness.

And whosoever Thy word is proclaimed in this house, may it be so accompanied with Thy Spirit that it shall not return unto thee void, but be a savour of life unto life, that it may be said, this and that man was born there. And grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be dedicated to Thee in this house by the holy sacraments and ordinances of Thy church, may prove faithful to their covenant obligations, ever remain in the number of Thy elect children, and be enabled by Thy grace to walk in all Thy commandments blameless. And may the prayers and praises of Thy people ascend from this house like holy incense, to be unto Thee a sweet smelling savour. Now, O Lord God Almighty, who dost live and govern all things, let, we beseech Thee, Thine eyes be open, and let Thine ears be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## V.

*Read the following paragraphs of Holy Scripture :*

## ACTS I.

12. Then returned they unto Jerusalem, from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a Sabbath-day's journey.

13. And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

14. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, with His brethren.

#### ACTS II.

##### *The Apostles receive the Holy Ghost.*

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak, with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men out of every nation under heaven.

6. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7. And they were all amazed, and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak, Galileans?

8. And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

#### HEB. X.

19. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

20. By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the vail, that is to say His flesh;

21. And having a high priest over the house of God;

22. Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

23. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful that promised:

24. And let us consider one another, to provoke unto love, and to good works:

25. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting *one another*; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

#### VI.

##### HYMN 198.

#### VII.

##### *Sermon and Collection.*

#### VIII.

If the collection shall be sufficient to relieve the house from debt, (there being no fitness in offering to God a house that belongs to earthly creditors,) one of the Trustees or Building committee, addressing the officiating minister, shall say,

Brother—, in behalf of the church and congregation here assembled, I now present you this house to be dedicated to the worship of Almighty God.

## IX.

The minister addressing the audience, shall say :

Dear Brethren : The Holy Scriptures teach us that God is well pleased with the erection of temples to His Holy Name ; and that houses thus built for His holy worship, should be specially set apart and dedicated to His service. Moses dedicated the tabernacle in the wilderness, and Solomon dedicated the temple upon Mount Zion. In like manner, devout men have been wont to consecrate houses to the worship and praise of God in all ages of the Christian Church ; and for such a dedication we are now assembled.

Now, to Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we, the Ministers of His altar, and people of His fold, do most solemnly dedicate this House, as was intended to be henceforth set apart and used for God's holy worship, in becoming ministrations of the Word and Sacraments, and in sacred offices of prayer, thanksgiving and praise ; and we devoutly pray that the Divine presence may always abide in this consecrated place, and the Divine benediction may ever rest on all who shall assemble to worship here.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost ;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

## X.

*Doxology and Benediction.*

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CEREMONY FOR MARRYING WITH A RING.

Immediately after the prayer in the Discipline, the minister shall receive the Ring from the Groom or Groom's-man, and handing it to the Groom, shall say to him : You will now place this ring upon the hand of your betrothed, to remain as a perpetual memorial of the holy covenant into which you have both entered, and of the solemn pledges which you have each made to the other in the presence of Him who hath said, and they twain shall be one flesh.

The Minister shall now rejoin their hands, and resume the order in the Discipline, saying, "Those whom God hath joined together, &c."

L. W. BATES.

J. J. MURRAY.

R. S. NORRIS.

The Committee on Paper, from Carlisle Circuit, report as follows :

1. That the state of affairs on said circuit, as set forth in the paper, is much to be regretted.

2. That your Committee is unable to find in said paper anything which may with propriety be reported as an item of business for this Conference.

D. F. EWELL, *Chairman.*

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, to confer with Jefferson



Benevolent Society, in regard to a transfer of the funds of said Society, to the Home Missionary Society of the Maryland Annual Conference.— And that this Committee be empowered to take the necessary steps to secure this object.

D. A. SHERMER,  
W. H. TODD,  
JACOB CRONISE.

The following were appointed the Committee: D. A. Shermer, P. L. Wilson, W. H. Todd.

The report of Special Committee on President's Parsonage was read and adopted as follows:

1. That portion referring to waiting upon the Donor, and formerly receiving from her this valuable gift, be referred to the Committee on the Parsonage in Baltimore, to be carried out by them.

2. We recommend and request, that the ministers and preachers of said Conference, bring the subject of furnishing the President's Parsonage before their various charges, according to the published plan in the METHODIST PROTESTANT on their return, to or arrival at their fields of labor, and forward the amount collected, to Bro. John W. Richardson immediately.

3. That the Committee located in Baltimore, be authorized to borrow such sums of money as they may need, for immediate use, to furnish said Parsonage, said money to be refunded from the collections made throughout the District; and that the Editor of the METHODIST PROTESTANT be requested to publish this report in the paper, for three consecutive weeks.

J. R. NICHOLS, *Chairman*.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was adopted as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That we look upon intemperance as a great evil, and view with alarm the increasing inroads it is making in our midst, affecting society in all its relations, and weakening to a great extent the moral power of the Church,

2. *Resolved*, That every proper means employed for the suppression of this great evil has our approval, and that we feel bound by the force of moral obligation, and do hereby pledge ourselves to do all we can to advance the cause of Temperance.

3. *Resolved*, That the use of intoxicating drinks on the part of members of the Church, is highly unbecoming and inconsistent with the pure teachings of the Gospel of Christ, and that we feel it to be our duty to admonish all such against its use.

4. *Resolved*, That every minister of this Conference, be requested to preach at least one sermon to each of his congregations during the year on the subject of Intemperance.

JOS. A. MCFADEN, *Chairman*.

On motion of D. Bowers,

*Resolved*, That standing rule No. 40 in Conference Manual, be so

amended as to read thus : That the President for the ensuing year, shall be elected by ballot, on the first day of its sessions at 3 o'clock.

On motion of D. Wilson and D. W. Bates,

*Resolved*, That this Conference express its high appreciation of the generosity of the Individual Enterprise Steamboat Company, for their kindness in furnishing half fare tickets on their several routes of travel.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. B. F. Benson.

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TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 14, 8 o'clock.

Conference opened by Rev. John R. Nichols. Rev. Jas. M. Elderdice, Committee on Statistics, made the following report, which was adopted :

# STATISTICS.

STATIONS, CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	Members.	Probationers.	Ministers.	Preachers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.	Col'd Members.	Sabbath School.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes.	UNSTATIONED MINISTERS AND PREACHERS.
Alexandria Station.....	139	22	...	1	1	1	\$10,000	1	1	20	120	500	J. Tacey, Preacher.
West Baltimore Station.....	185	15	2	...	1	1	15,000	...	1	24	175	450	L. J. Cox, Sr., Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, Ministers.
East " ".....	183	9	...	1	1	...	12,000	...	1	28	123	450	T. Richardson, Preacher.
South " ".....	59	...	...	2	1	1	9,800	...	1	20	100	450	J. C. Meredith, W. Johnson, Preachers.
Washington St. ".....	192	17	...	...	1	...	9,000	...	1	40	400	600	
Georgetown ".....	170	68	1	1	1	1	20,000	...	1	24	200	769	P. H. Sweet, Minister; J. H. Dulany, Preacher.
9th St. Washington ".....	106	...	2	...	1	1	20,000	...	1	15	81	600	U. Ward, W. C. Lipscomb, Sr, Ministers.
Salem Station, Philadelphia.....	60	54	...	1	1	...	3,000	...	1	19	160	400	Charles Hera, Preacher.
Harper's Ferry Station. No report.													
Anne Arundel Circuit.....	97	4	1	...	5	1	3,800	...	3	20	160	400	M. W. Conner, Minister.
Baltimore ".....	168	67	...	3	4	...	5,500	...	8	48	347	700	T. H. Robinson, J. E. Reed, J. Baughman, Preachers.
West Baltimore ".....	226	...	2	...	7½	...	5,500	...	8	77	317	800	J. Holmes, J. M. Henkle, Ministers.
Bedford ".....	142	3	1	...	3	1	1,600	...	3	45	175	425	J. Growden, Minister.
Belair ".....	211	46	1	...	6	1	7,000	...	5	30	250	325	A. H. Greenfield, Minister.
Cambridge ".....	120	...	...	3	3	...	2,000	...	2	20	135	400	
Carlisle ".....	88	...	...	...	2	...	600	...	1	8	50	504	
Caroline ".....	240	20	4	1	4½	...	5,000	...	8	70	350	1,000	R. H. Merriken, R. Chambers, J. Burchinal, J. Irvin, Ministers; J. Collins, Preacher.
Cecil ".....	200	41	1	1	6	1	7,000	...	4	47	200	750	G. Moore, Minister; F. W. Price, W. W. Taylor, Preachers.
Concord ".....	145	45	...	1	2	...	1,000	...	1	12	60	250	J. Kling, Preacher.
Dorchester ".....	150	31	2	1	5	1	8,000	...	4	24	230	300	E. Brinsfield, T. Burton, Ministers; J. E. Darby, Preacher.
Frederick ".....	393	13	...	2	6	1	8,000	...	6	50	300	600	J. Day, C. Purdom, Preachers.
Howard ".....	210	1	3	1	7	1	9,000	...	7	.....	.....	.....	Dr. J. H. Owings, Z. M. Waters, H. Linthicum, T. M. McCormick, Ministers; R. Vansant, Preacher.
Harmony ".....	136	36	2	...	3	...	2,000	...	3	10	100	200	G. Ewell, E. S. Grant, Ministers.
Jefferson ".....	146	19	...	...	3	1	7,000	...	2	40	150	300	
Kent ".....	363	35	...	...	5	1	13,000	...	5	50	400	1,500	
Liberty ".....	166	170	2	...	4	1	10,000	1	5	42	160	850	Dr. T. Sim, W. H. Todd, Ministers.
New Market ".....	276	68	...	...	6	1	5,700	...	6	64	500	1,000	
Newtown ".....	330	46	2	2	7	1	8,000	1	6	150	250	800	W. Dale, J. W. Penuel, Min.; N. B. Riley, H. McGrath, Prs.
Pipe Creek ".....	358	21	...	1	4	1	12,000	22	4	36	360	600	W. A. Crouse, Preacher.

Queen Anne's	"	199	48	...	...	4	1	8,750	...	3	40	200	700
Snow Hill	"	120	15	1	...	4	...	4,000	...	4	30	190	600
Sussex	"	250	40	...	...	6	1	6,800	...	6	45	220	925
Susquehanna	"	133	5	...	...	1	1	2,700	...	5	54	200	500
Talbot	"	192	33	...	...	5	1	10,000	...	7	50	260	1,700
Trough Creek	"	85	...	2	...	3	...	1,500	...	3	28	100	300
Union, Md.,	"	280	...	1	2	9	1	5,000	...	5	30	250	700
Union, Pa.,	"	91	8	1	1	3½	...	400	...	...	...	...	...
Warwick	"	86	1	...	...	3	1	3,500	...	2	20	150	600
Worcester	"	112	25	1	...	5	...	4,000	...	4	19	180	500
Broadway Mission	...	127	30	...	1	1	...	11,000	...	1	14	250	368
Cumberland	"	56	35	...	...	1	1	5,000	...	1	22	113	550
Newark, N. J.,	"	149	...	1	1	1	...	20,000	1	1	36	197	449
E. Washington	"	72	5	1	...	1	1	6,000	...	1	14	125	500
W. Washington	"	9	3	1	...	1	...	2,500	...	1	18	120	250
Delaware	"	160	...	...	...	4	...	5,000	...	4	24	175	600
Lexington St., Baltimore, Mission	...	97	7	1	...	1	...	15,000	...	1	26	225	400
Starr Church,	"	32	80	...	...	1	...	20,000	...	1	25	252	182
Kent Island	"	30	4	...	...	2	...	800	...	2	13	50	200
Williamsport & Berkeley	"	59	...	...	...	5	...	9,000	11	...	...	...	...
Montgomery Mission. No report.	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Potomac	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....		7,604	1090	36	24	159½	26	\$361,450	37	151	1,541	9,110	25,947

Dr. W. H. Farrow, Minister.

G. Smith, J. Palmer, Ministers.  
J. W. Smiley, Minister; T. H. Burgess, C. W. Dennis,  
Preachers.  
W. Riddle, Minister; G. Fritts, Preacher.

R. H. Powell, Minister.  
J. Davis, Preacher.

E. Allen, Minister; L. Morris, Preacher.  
T. G. Clayton, Minister.  
T. Remick, Minister.

A. Richards, Minister.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. ELDERDICE, *Committee.*

The report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was received and adopted as follows :

1. In reference to the publication of a Sunday School paper in Maryland, as suggested by the Quarterly Conference of Belair Circuit, they recommend the appointment of a Committee selected from the Churches in Baltimore, who shall take the matter under due consideration, and report to the next Session of this body.

2. In reference to Sabbath Schools, they offer the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, 1st, That while we hail with delight the evidences of an increasing interest in this department of the Church, throughout our wide-spread District, we are impressed deeply with the necessity of making a more enlarged and earnest effort, so as to insure the complete success of this Divinely sanctioned Work.

*Resolved*, 2nd, That we do not regard the Sabbath School as designed to take the place of parental responsibility and home instruction, but as a supplementary work, designed to instruct the children in the knowledge of the Word of God, that they may be brought early to Christ, and to a participation in all the higher privileges of the Church.

*Resolved*, 3d, That as the Sabbath School is in fact a Church institution, it should be kept under the control of the Church. We therefore recommend, that the officers and teachers should be men and women of piety, and that in the selection of Books for the use of the Schools, the Pastor of the Church should be duly consulted.

*Resolved*, 4th, That in the estimation of your Committee, an effort in every case should be made to continue the School during the winter. The effort, we believe, in most cases would be successful.

*Resolved*, 5th, That our representatives to the next General Conference be, and they are hereby requested to call the attention of the Body to this subject, and so to modify or change the Discipline, as to bring our Sabbath Schools into a more intimate relation to the Church, and thereby promote their usefulness.

R. S. NORRIS, *Chairman*.

The report of Committee on President's Salary was received and adopted as follows :

Kent Circuit.....	\$80 00	Newtown Circuit.....	\$50 00
Queen Anne's.....	75 00	Talbot.....	75 00
West Baltimore Circuit....	35 00	Snow Hill.....	25 00
Belair.....	50 00	Dorchester.....	30 00
Susquehanna.....	25 00	Cumberland.....	20 00
Pike Creek .....	80 00	Harmony.....	20 00
Georgetown Station.....	75 00	Cecil.....	35 00
East Washington.....	20 00	Howard.....	60 00
Anne Arundel.....	30 00	Cambridge.....	20 00
Alexandria.....	30 00	West Baltimore Station....	60 00
Concord .....	15 00	Bedford Circuit.....	35 00
Caroline.....	35 00	Carlisle.....	20 00
Choptank Mission.....	20 00	Warwick .....	40 00
East Baltimore Station....	30 00	Jefferson.....	45 00
9th Street, Washington....	35 00	Union .....	30 00

Salisbury .....	\$20 00	Delaware .....	\$30 00
Frederick .....	50 00	Union, Pa .....	10 00
Salem, Phila.....	25 00	West Washington Mission	10 00
South Baltimore.....	20 00	Lexington Street.....	40 00
Washington Street.....	40 00	Starr Church.....	40 00
Baltimore Circuit.....	30 00	Montgomery Mission.....	10 00
Frederick Mission.....	20 00	Kent Island.....	10 00
Liberty.....	60 00	Frederick Avenue.....	10 00
Worcester.....	25 00	Buckeystown.....	20 00
Newark.....	30 00	Williamsport and Berkeley	15 00
Sussex.....	20 00		
New Market.....	35 00		
Broadway Mission Church	40 00		
			\$1,810 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. K. NICHOLS, *Chairman.*

On motion of C. T. Cochel and H. Nice,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference be, and are hereby heartily tendered to the families who have so kindly entertained the members of this Conference.

Adopted by a rising vote.

The Missionary Fund Steward, made the following report, which was adopted :

Stations.	Am't.
Alexandria.....	\$15 00
West Baltimore..... ..	150 00
East Baltimore.....	14 30
South Baltimore.....	2 21
Washington st. Station....	40 35
Georgetown .....	274 30
Salem, Philadelphia.....	5 25
9th St., Washington..	7 65

CIRCUITS.	
Anne Arundel.....	7 00
Bedford.....	3 42
Baltimore.....	28 00
West Baltimore.....	6 45
Belair .....	47 90
Concord .....	2 70
Carlisle. ....	1 95
Cecil.....	5 00
Caroline. (No report.)	
Cambridge .....	5 75
Dorchester.....	10 00
Frederick.....	24 00
Howard .....	70 92
Harmony.....	4 00
Kent .....	258 25

	Am't.
Newtown.....	\$90 48
Pipe Creek.....	36 00
New Market.....	14 30
Liberty.....	81 67
Worcester.....	10 25
Susquehanna.....	15 00
Queen Anne. ....	110 00
Sussex .....	5 50
Snow Hill.....	10 00
Talbot .....	28 05
Trough Creek.....	1 58
Union, Md.....	10 00
Union, Pa.....	2 04
Warwick. ....	35 12

MISSIONS.	
Williamsport & Berkley....	3 00
Jefferson Circuit and Frederick Mission....	15 00
Potomac. (No report.)	
Broadway.....	80 00
Cumberland.....	5 50
Newark, N. J.....	15 00
Lexington St. Mission....	150 00
Delaware.....	60 00

Missions.	Am't.		Am't.
East Washington.....	2 10	Bal'ce in hand from last y'r	412 21
Federalsburgh.....	4 00		\$1337 75
West Washington.....	6 60	From a little girl in New-	
Starr Church .....	92 78	town Circuit.....	1 50
Conference Missionary So-		Kent Island.....	7 25
ciety.....	399 27		\$2687 10

Missions.	Apportionments.	Full claim paid.
Delaware.....	\$300 00	" "
Newark.....	300 00	" "
Cumberland .....	250 00	" "
Montgomery.....	100 00	" "
Lexington and Poppleton Sts.....	900 00	" "
Kent Island.....	250 00	" "
W. Washington.....	150 00	" "
Towsontown.....	100 00	" "
Broadway.....	200 00	" "
Potomac ... ..	50 00	" "
Williamsport and Berkeley.....	50 00	" "
Federalsburgh.....	50 00	" "
President's deficiencies.....	10 00	" "
Frederick Mission—Credit the Jefferson		
Benevolent Society with.....	300 00	
Balance in hand.....	98	
All of which is respectfully submitted.		

A. D. Dick, *Steward*.

The Conference Steward made his report, which was adopted, as follows:

## THE CONFERENCE STEWARD'S REPORT.

	Conference collections.	Salary al- lowed.	Am't paid.	Rec'd from other sources.	Deficiency.	Dividend.
Kent circuit.....	\$25 50	\$1,300 00	\$1,300 00			
Queen Anne's.....	28 26	1,197 00	1,197 00			
Talbot circuit.....	24 40	1,000 00	1,000 00			
West Baltimore circuit.....	6 22	550 00	402 00		68 00	26 58
Belair circuit.....		900 00	900 00			
Pipe Creek.....	9 30	800 00	800 00			
Georgetown, D. C.....	45 10	1,000 00	1,000 00			
East Washington Mission.....	2 50	600 00	650 00			
Anne Arundel.....	7 00	600 00	600 00			
South Baltimore Station.....	3 95	600 00	620 00	100 00		
Concord.....	3 50	400 00	240 00		160 00	62 56
Caroline.....		650 00				
Prince William circuit.....						
Williamsport & Berkeley Miss.						
East Baltimore Station.....	9 50	1,100 00	1,100 00	100 00		
Ninth Street, Washington.....	7 99	950 00	950 00			
Newtown circuit.....	14 90	750 00	750 00			
Snow Hill.....	2 00	75 00	75 00	for part	of the	year.
Trough Creek.....	1 80	200 00	166 00		34 00	13 29
Dorchester.....	5 00	450 00	360 00		90 00	35 19
Sussex.....	7 00	640 00	525 00		115 50	44 96
Newmarket.....	5 20	650 00	600 00		50 00	19 55
Harper's Ferry.....						
Alexandria Station.....	14 00	200 00	1,003 00			
Cumberland Mission.....	3 31	450 00	270 00			
Harmony circuit.....	3 00	400 00	275 00	50 00	75 00	29 32
Cecil circuit.....	1 20	600 00				
Howard circuit.....	21 00	650 00	650 00			
Cambridge.....		400 00	297 00	75 00	28 00	10 95
West Baltimore Station.....	17 75	1,000 00	1,000 00			
Bedford.....	3 73	650 00	344 83	25 00	280 79	109 48
Carlisle circuit.....	1 80		125 00	70 00		70 38
Warwick.....	25 46	750 00	750 00			
Frederick circuit.....	10 00	750 00	750 00			
Charleston, S. C.....						
Salem, Philadelphia.....	4 13	500 00	500 00			
Washington St., Baltimore.....	6 40	700 00	700 00			
Baltimore c't, Towsontown Miss	10 00	795 00	795 00	25 00		
Liberty circuit.....	5 00	800 00	800 00			
Worcester circuit.....	3 60	155 00	184 00			
Newark, N. J.....	4 75	800 00	800 00			
Broadway Mission.....	7 50	500 00	500 00			
Lexington Street Mission.....						
Popleton Street Station.....						
Union circuit, Pa.....	1 80	200 00	200 00	100 00		
Montgomery Mission.....						
Susquehanna circuit.....	7 15	350 00	363 00			
Delaware Mission.....		525 00	525 00			
West Washington.....	3 81	495 00	495 00			
Wilmington Mission.....						
Kent Island Mission.....	7 95	300 00	300 00			
Buckeystown Mission.....						
Jefferson c't & Frederick Miss.	5 25	930 00	930 00			
Union circuit, Md.....	5 00	850 00	850 00			
Potomac Mission.....						
District.....		1,200 00	1,185 00		15 00	5 86
Phebean Society, per Bro. J. W. Richardson.....	48 00					
	\$430 71				\$916 29	

Percentage, 39 cents 1 mill.



The Steward of the Superannuated Fund presented his report, which was adopted as follows:

STATIONS.		Sussex & Federalsburg Mis.	
Alexandria.....	\$15 00	Snow Hill.....	5 00
West Baltimore.....	20 40	Talbot.....	41 70
East Baltimore—Collection		Trough Creek.....	3 45
\$16.75 ; interest \$76.80...	93 55	Union, Md.....	7 00
South Baltimore.....	2 96	Union, Pa.....	1 50
Washington st., Baltimore.	10 00	Worcester.....	7 00
Charleston, S.C. (no report.)		Warwick.....	11 25
Georgetown, D. C.....	52 33	Cecil.....	4 00
Harper's Ferry, (no report.)			
Salem, Philadelphia.....	4 75		\$765 96
Ninth St., Washington....	16 21		
	\$215 20		
CIRCUITS.		MISSIONS.	
Anne Arundel.....	8 00	Broadway ....	10 00
Bedford.....	2 54	Cumberland.....	3 95
Baltimore.....	10 00	Frederick Mission, (con-	
West Baltimore.....	11 45	tained in Jefferson c't)..	
Belair.....	47 00	Newark, N. J.....	9 78
Concord.....	2 60	East Washington.....	1 35
Carlisle .....	2 25	West Washington.....	7 50
Caroline, (no report.).....		Delaware .....	12 00
Cambridge.....	11 00	Lexington.....	20 00
Dorchester.....	7 00	Kent Island.....	12 15
Frederick .....	13 00	Williamsport and Berkeley	
Howard.....	45 00	(no report).	
Harmony.....	8 00		\$1,057 89
Jefferson & Frederick Mis.	9 00		
Kent.....	85 20	Cash from a friend.....	10 00
Liberty.....	16 02	Cash from the Sec'y of Fund	76 91
Newtown.....	13 40		\$1,144 80
New Market .....	11 35	Am't for investment from	
Pipe Creek.....	10 35	Queen Anne's c't, deduct	300 00
Susquehanna.....	28 00		844 80
Potomac, (no report.).....		One year's interest from E.	
Prince William, (no report)		Baltimore Station deduct	76 80
Queen Anne's, \$300 for in-			\$768 00
vestment; \$40.49 for dis-			
tribution.....	340 49		

Claimants.	Claim.	Paid.
Bro. Eli Henkle.....	\$300	\$55 51
" Geo. D. Hamilton.....	300	55 51
" R. T. Boyd.....	350	64 77
" T. M. Wilson.....	350	64 77
" Thos. Lee.....	400	74 02
Sister Webster.....	150	27 75
" M. Reese.....	150	27 75

	Claimants.	Claim.	Paid.
Sister	Scull.....	\$150	\$27 75
"	Varden .....	150	27 75
"	Kesley.....	150	27 75
"	Rawleigh.....	150	27 75
"	Collins.....	150	27 75
"	Maddux.....	150	27 75
"	Roby.....	250	46 26
"	Sallie R. Wright.....	150	27 75
"	F. G. Wright.....	200	37 01
"	Greenaway.....	350	64 77
"	T. C. Ewell.....	300	55 51
			<hr/>
			\$768 00
In hands of Dr. Zollickoffer for distribution .....			1,917 27
Interest from East Baltimore Station added.....			76 80
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			\$1,994 07

	Claimants.	Claim.	Paid.
	Eli Henkle.....	\$460	\$151 11
	Geo. D. Hamilton.....	735	241 45
	R. T. Boyd.....	725	238 17
	T. M. Wilson .....	530	174 11
	Thos. Lee.....	380	124 83
Sister	Webster.....	245	80 48
"	M. Reese .....	265	87 05
"	Scull .....	150	49 27
"	Varden .....	90	29 56
"	Kesley.....	200	65 70
"	Rawleigh .....	200	65 70
"	Collins.....	195	64 05
"	Maddux.....	180	59 13
"	Roby .....	465	152 75
"	Sallie Wright.....	160	52 56
"	F. G. Wright.....	320	105 12
"	Greenaway .....	540	177 39
"	T. C. Ewell.....	230	75 55
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			\$1,994 07

J. EARLE MALOY, *Steward Sup. Fund.*

Rev. A. D. Dick stated that he had lost his Elder's credentials, and requested the Conference to renew them. His request was granted.

The Committee on Collection for publication of Minutes—H. Nice, chairman—made a favorable report.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. L. W. Bates.

## AFTERNOON SESSION, 2½ o'CLOCK.

Religious exercises, conducted by Rev. James M. Elderdice.

The report of the Faculty of Instruction was received and adopted as follows:

1st. That the vacancy in the Faculty, caused by the resignation of Dr. J. T. Murray, be filled by Rev. S. B. Southerland.

2d. That all candidates for admission into the Annual Conference, are expected to present themselves for examination in the Preparatory Department.

3d. Whenever a candidate is admitted into the Annual Conference, he becomes a member of the First Class.

4th. That "Miller on Clerical Habits and Manners" be added to the Preparatory Course, as a text book, and assigned to Rev. L. W. Bates.

N. B.—Those brethren who have been received into the Conference this session, will be required to pursue the studies in the Preparatory Department in addition to those of the *First Class*.

## COURSE OF STUDY.

## PREPARATORY STUDIES.

Bullion's Analytical English Grammar; Quackenbos' Rhetoric; Hedge's Logic; Constitution and Discipline of the M. P. Church; Watson's Institutes; Evidences of Christianity, Vol. 1st; Miller on Clerical Habits and Manners.

## FIRST CLASS.

Watson's Institutes.—Doctrines of Christianity. Existence and Attributes of God. Mosheim's Church History, from the 1st to 5th century. Kirkham's Elocution.

## SECOND CLASS.

Watson's Institutes.—Doctrines of Christianity. Original Sin and Redemption. Mosheim's History, from 6th to 12th century.

## THIRD CLASS.

Watson's Institutes. Institutions of Christianity. Butler's Analogy. Mosheim's History, from the 13th century to the close.

## FOURTH CLASS.

Whatley's Moral Philosophy. Watson's Institutes.—Moral Law. Mayland's Moral Science. Powell on Succession.

## FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

D. E. REESE.—Watson's Institutes—Evidences of Christianity, Vol. 1st.  
J. K. NICHOLS.—Bullion's Analytical Grammar. Hedge's Logic.

L. W. BATES.—Quackenbos' Rhetoric. Constitution and Discipline of the M. P. Church. Quackenbos' Rhetoric. Miller on Clerical Habits and Manners.

FIRST CLASS.

- J. T. MURRAY.—Watson's Institutes—Doctrines of Christianity. Existence and Attributes of God.  
 J. T. WARD.—Mosheim's Church History, from 1st to 5th century.  
 H. C. CUSHING.—Kirkham's Elocution.

SECOND CLASS.

- D. BOWERS.—Watson's Institutes; Doctrines of Christianity; Original Sin.  
 J. A. McFADEN.—Watson's Institutes; Redemption.  
 D. A. SHERMER.—Mosheim's Church History, from 6th to 12th century.

THIRD CLASS.

- R. S. NORRIS.—Watson's Institutes; Institutions of Christianity.  
 JOHN ROBERTS.—Butler's Analogy.  
 DAVID WILSON.—Mosheim's Church History, from 13th century to close of volume.

FOURTH CLASS.

- Dr. F. SWENTZEL.—Watson's Institutes; Moral Law.  
 S. B. SOUTHERLAND.—Wayland's Moral Science.  
 J. W. EVERIST.—Powell on Succession.  
 Dr. F. WATERS.—On Languages.

LIST OF STUDENTS.

PREPARATORY CLASS.

All candidates for admission into the Conference, and those admitted at this Session, viz :

R. Semple Rowe, J. E. Read, John M. Holmes, Alfred T. Melvin.

FIRST CLASS.

R. Semple Rowe, J. E. Read, John M. Holmes, Alfred T. Melvin, T. C. Downs.

SECOND CLASS.

F. M. Hawkins, S. T. Furguson, S. T. Graham, G. D. Edmonston, T. H. B. Austin.

THIRD CLASS.

J. D. Kinzer, W. D. Litsinger.

FOURTH CLASS.

W. H. Hopkins.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That Choptank Mission be referred to the favorable consideration of the President.

The following resolutions, signed by D. A. Shermer, D. Wilson, J. Thos. Murray, P. L. Wilson, and D. Bowers, were adopted :

*Resolved*, That hereafter each Superintendent shall, as his name is called for the examination of official character, read a report, stating when he arrived at his appointment; when he left it; how long absent

from it during the year ; what he has done for Missions, what for Sabbath Schools ; what he has received for the Home Missionary cause, Superannuated and Conference collections ; whether he proposes to take an active relation during the ensuing year ; the number of members, probationers, ministers and preachers, churches, parsonages ; value of church property ; number of colored members, Sabbath Schools, teachers, scholars, and volumes in library ; what is the spiritual condition of his charge. These reports to be handed over to the Secretary, and from thence to the Committee on Statistics for the purpose of making out his report for publication.

*Resolved*, 2d, That when the Superintendent has read his report, if no objection be alleged against his official character, it shall stand approved. It is further recommended, that no report exceed in length one page of foolscap, or two pages of note paper.

The Committee on Sabbath School Paper consists of five ministers and two laymen :

*Committee*—J. R. Nichols, P. L. Wilson, J. T. Murray, W. S. Hammond, T. D. Valiant, S. B. Taylor, L. J. Cox, Jr.

On motion of D. Wilson and H. C. Cushing,

*Resolved*, That the Ministers and Preachers of the Conference be respectfully requested to read the rules of Revs. John and Charles Wesley, found in the Book of Discipline, at least once every three months in all our congregations.

The following were appointed a Committee to examine the cases of drafted brethren :

D. A. Shermer, P. L. Wilson, P. E. Kent, A. J. Fairbank, W. H. Todd.

The Conference resolved itself into the Church Extension Fund Society..

The Society proceeded to the election of officers as follows :

*President*—John Coates.

*Vice Presidents*—T. D. Valiant, E. J. Drinkhouse, Dr. Thos. Sim.

*Secretary*—James H. Hopkins.

*Treasurer*—James A. Kennedy.

*Board of Managers*—D. Wilson, J. Thos. Murray, D. E. Reese, John R. Nichols, John Roberts, Wm. H. Griffith, H. T. Gernhardt, John Nicodemus, and Joseph Libbey, Sr.

The following report from Committee on Drafted Brethren was received and adopted :

That \$300 00 be raised to assist Bro. Holmes in obtaining a substitute.

The above amount was secured.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. M. Strayer.

TUESDAY EVENING, 7½ O'CLOCK.

Religious services, conducted by Rev. D. W. Bates.

On motion of J. K. Nichols, an appropriation of \$100 00 was made to Williamsport and Berkeley Mission.

By D. W. Bates and G. W. Burns.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the Secretaries and Stewards for the faithful performance of their arduous duties.

On motion, the appropriation to Montgomery Mission was increased to \$100 00.

The following, offered by W. H. Todd and Geo. W. Burns, was adopted :

*Resolved*, That we respectfully offer our sincere and thankful acknowledgments to the Trustees of the M. E. Church in Easton, for the use of their new and beautiful house of worship during the session of our Conference.

The President announced the following appointments:

## PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

*President*—JOHN J. MURRAY.

## STATIONS.

East Baltimore—John R. Nichols.  
West Baltimore—J. Thomas Murray, (one to be supplied.)  
South Baltimore—R. Semple Rowe.  
Washington Street—Joseph A. McFaden.  
Starr Church—Wm. H. Hopkins,  
Dr. F. Waters, supernumerary assistant.  
Georgetown, D. C.—Daniel Bowers,  
John B. Jones  
Ninth Street, Washington—J. Thos. Ward.  
Alexandria—Daniel W. Bates.  
Salem, Philadelphia — John W. Charlton, Thomas A. Moore, supernumerary assistant.  
Charleston, S. C.—Unsupplied.  
Harper's Ferry—Unsupplied.

## CIRCUITS.

Anne Arundel—Chas. H. Littleton.  
Belair—James K. Nichols, Wm. D. Litsinger.  
Baltimore Circuit and Towsontown Mission—Wm. W. Reese, John M. Holmes.

Baltimore West—Thos. M. Bryan,  
Jeremiah Clay.  
Bedford—John Elderdice.  
Caroline—Dr. Abraham S. Eversole, Hamilton J. Day.  
Cecil—James M. Elderdice, Alfred T. Melvin.  
Cambridge—Webster M. Strayer.  
Carlisle—Samuel T. Ferguson.  
Concord—William G. Holmes.  
Dorchester—William McK Poisal.  
Frederick—John Roberts, Francis M. Hawkins.  
Harmony—James H. Ellegood.  
Howard—David Wilson, Thos. H. B. Austin.  
Jefferson Circuit and Frederick Mission—D. Evans Reese, Henry Nice.  
Kent—Lawrence W. Bates, John D. Kinzer.  
Liberty—David A. Shermer.  
Newtown—Jessee Shreeve, Samuel T. Graham.  
Newmarket—James F. Whiteside, George D. Edmonston.  
Pipe Creek—Rhesa Scott Norris.  
Prince William—Unsupplied.

Queen Anne's—Henry C. Cushing, John E. Read.	Lexington St. and Frederick Av.— Wm. S. Hammond, Theodore D. Valiant, Sup. Assistant.
Snow Hill—Charles T. Cochel.	Kent Island—J. Earle Maloy.
Sussex—George W. Simpson.	Montgomery—George W. Burns.
Susquehanna—Sol'n A. Hoblitzell.	Millsborough—J. T. Atkins.
Salisbury—Robert Whinna.	Newark, N. J.—Dr. F. Swentzel.
Talbot—Silas B. Southerland, John W. Everist, Milton E. Hysore.	Potomac—Oliver Cox.
Trough Creek—Unsupplied.	Tiaskin—To be supplied.
Union, Md.—Abraham D. Dick.	Williamsport and Berkeley—Chris- tian Eversole.
Union, Pa.—George S. Battersby.	West Washington—To be supplied.
Warwick—Benj. F. Benson.	Wilmington—To be supplied.
Worcester—James W. Gray, John M. Dennis, sup. assistant.	Left without appointments at their own request—Edward J. Drink- house, T. C. Downs, Alfred Bak- er. Not heard from—J. Morgan.
	Superannuated—Eli Henkle, Thos. L. McLean, Thos. M. Wilson, Thos. Lee, Joseph L. Mills, Han- son P. Jordan.
	Left in the hands of the President— John E. Darby, Edmund White.

#### MISSIONS.

Broadway, Baltimore — P. Light  
Wilson.  
Buckeystown—George Stevenson.  
Cumberland—William T. Dumm.  
Choptank—John E. T. Ewell.  
Delaware—Dr. Daniel F. Ewell.  
East Washington—Jas. Thompson.

Conference adjourned, by singing the Doxology, and by pronouncing the Benediction by Dr. F. Waters, to meet in Starr Church, Baltimore, on the second Wednesday in March, 1866.

WM. S. HAMMOND, *Secretary*,  
W. H. HOPKINS, *Ass't Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY.

EASTON, MD., MARCH 10, 1865.

Conference resolved itself into the Superannuated Fund Society. D. W. Bates in the Chair. Wm. H. Hopkins, Secretary.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

1st Vice President—D. W. Bates.

2d Vice President—H. C. Cushing.

Secretary—W. M. Poisal.

Corresponding Secretary—S. A. Hoblitzell.

Board of Managers—L. J. Cox, Sr., Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, T. D. Valiant, Jos. A. Thomas, B. F. Ray, James Bond, Jr., Joshua O. Sapp.

The reports of Board of Managers and Treasurer were received and adopted.

On calling the roll, \$52 90 were received. At the Anniversary of the Society, held March 12th, \$374 00 were received for investment, and \$24 01 for distribution.

Total paid Steward of Society for distribution, \$76 91  
 " " Treasurer for investment..... 374 00

W. M. POISAL, *Secretary*.

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EASTON, MARCH 10, 1865.

The Conference resolved itself into the Home Missionary Society. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

*President*—P. L. Wilson.

*1st Vice President*—J. R. Nichols.

*2d Vice President*—D. A. Shermer.

*Secretary*—M. E. Hysore.

*Board of Managers*—Dr. F. Waters, L. J. Cox, Jr., Treasurer, E. G. Thomas, James Bond, Jr., Wm. Bond, H. T. Gernhardt, Missionary at Broadway, Missionary at Lexington Street.

The reports of the Board of Managers and the Treasurer were received and adopted.

The filling of the Boards of Trustees was left in the hands of the Board of Managers.

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED.

Conference Memberships.....	\$55 76
Life Memberships.....	330 00
Basket Collections.....	13 51
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	\$399 27

The Board of Managers were authorized to effect a loan of one thousand dollars.

M. E. HYSORE, *Secretary*.



## Obituaries.

### REV. REUBEN TYLER BOYD.

REV. REUBEN TYLER BOYD, was born near Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland, July 3d, 1794: Died (in Clarksburg in the same county,) February 21st, 1865, aged seventy-one years, seven months, and eighteen days.

Brother BOYD was converted at a camp-meeting near his own residence about the 19th year of his age. Rev. Nicholas Snethen, with others of the prominent Methodist ministers of that day were in attendance. Under whose ministry he was awakened he could never tell, for to use his own language, "he liked all the sermons preached very well."

Subsequently removing to Baltimore, he was there licensed to preach by the Baltimore District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, February 25th, 1825. His license was signed by Joseph Frye, President, and James R. Williams, Secretary. His deacons's credentials were given him by the Maryland Annual Conference of the Associated Methodist Churches, Baltimore, April 5th, 1829, signed by Nicholas Snethen, President, and Luther J. Cox, Secretary. His elders' credentials, were given him in Georgetown, April 8th, 1832, signed by Eli Henkle, President, and James Hanson, Secretary. It thus appears, that Bro. BOYD, entered the itinerancy of the Associated Methodist Churches, probably about the thirty-fourth year of his age. He traveled in this District to the Conference of 1838, when he removed by transfer to the Illinois Annual Conference. While here he preached two years on a Circuit within the limits of Western Kentucky, and thence removed to the Ohio Annual Conference, laboring within the bounds of that District, till the spring of 1849, when he returned East, and was again received into the Maryland Annual Conference, in Chestertown, March, 1850. The circumstances associated with his re-admission into our itinerant ranks, many persons then in attendance upon the Conference sessions, will not soon forget. Some of the brethren expressed fears lest the Conference might not be able to provide for its increasing list of married men. A venerable layman, who had shared with him the odium and the honor of the work of reform in the Methodist Episcopal Church, rose in his place, graphically depicting their mutual trials and dangers.

"Take him in" said the brother, "and if you can assign him to no field of labor, I will support him myself." The appeal was irresistible. Many a tearful, manly eye greeted the speaker as he took his seat. It is perhaps needless to add he was unanimously re-admitted.

Brother BOYD was among that number whom we are accustomed to speak of as the canonized saints of the Church, and as distinguished among others, by being associated with its earliest organization. His name will go down in our Ecclesiastical annals with the names of Shinn, Brown, Snethen, Jennings and Dorsey. That list is, alas, gradually diminishing, and ere long, not one of all who took part in the organization of the Methodist Protestant Church, will be among the living.

No class of men are more persistently misunderstood and persecuted than reformers. Traveling faster than their cotemporaries, they seem to live in constant antagonism with men's current opinions and thoughts. They can however afford to be misunderstood, for they live and labor,

and act, not for one generation, but for the world,—for all time, and those who will appreciate their services and value their labors, are those also who shall reap the privileges and blessings they sought to bestow upon unwilling and inappreciative cotemporaries.

As the time for their departure (from among the living) is at hand, so also, the time has arrived when the Church and the world can form a just and proper estimate of their character, can view their acts and labors, disconnected from the scenes of Ecclesiastical strife and turmoil in which they mingled, and when their actions may be viewed in the clearer, calmer retrospections of history, rather than as associated with the lives of rival cotemporaries.

As a man, it is not claimed that brother Boyd was wholly faultless, certain peculiarities of temperament, together with a constitutional bluntness of expression, rendered him occasionally liable to unpleasant and probably uncharitable remark, and abridged oftentimes his general usefulness. But those who could overlook these peculiarities, ever found him, a frank, genial and instructive companion. None doubted his sincerity and piety. This shone transparently in all the relations of life, and challenged alike the respect of friend and foe. During the last few years of his life, with the manifest failure of his physical and mental faculties, grace eliminated his seeming ascerbity of manner and secured for him the universal confidence and kindness of his neighbors and friends.

As a preacher, it is but just to state, he was the peer of most of his associates of equally limited opportunities of mental culture and improvement. His themes, were usually such as the older Methodist ministers frequently chose, justification, sanctification, *etc.* They were usually eminently practical and forcible gospel expositions, well arranged and well-digested, and delivered with a force and fervor which carried conviction to the minds of his hearers.

Brother Boyd, for his opportunities, excelled as a writer. His controversial and other newspaper articles were evidently not the work of a novice. A series of articles which he penned on the "Lord's Prayer," were greatly admired by the readers of the "PROTESTANT," and without aiming at profundity were generally regarded, as among the best current articles then published.

Brother Boyd was twice married; first December 22, 1818, and again to Elizabeth, daughter of Eden B. Moore of Loudoun County, Virginia, October 1st, 1835. His second companion still survives, together with five sons and one daughter—three children of the first, and three of the second marriage.

His health perceptibly declined before he relinquished the active itinerant work. He accordingly, acting on the suggestions of his brethren, was placed on the list of superannuates. It was not, however until within the past year, that his accumulating infirmities, pointed to the fact, that his earthly pilgrimage was nearly ended. Several times he expressed the conviction, that he would die before the winter was over. A chronic irritability of his stomach gave him great pain at occasional intervals, and 'twas apparently from mere prostration from one of these attacks, he eventually died. He died, sitting in bed, without a struggle or a groan.

"The weary wheels of life stood still."

His funeral services were conducted by the Rev. David Wilson, in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Clarksburg. Rev. W. H. Holliday, Pas-

tor, participating. The sermon was preached from 2nd Timothy IV : 6, 7, 8 and 9th verses: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

#### REV. GEORGE D. HAMILTON.

This venerable minister of the Gospel of Christ, has passed away from the momentary scenes of this life to enter on the enduring realities of the eternal world. He was born August 28th, 1798—embraced religion 1819, and joined the M. E. Church; was made a licentiate, and traveled eight or ten months under Presiding Elder Joseph Fry; entered the itinerancy of the M. P. Church, 1828. He died on the 5th of April, 1864, at his residence in Baltimore, Md. It is a matter of great consolation to his afflicted family, as it will be also to his numerous friends, on receiving the melancholy intelligence of his death, that he died peacefully, in the faith and hope of that blessed Gospel which he had so long preached to others. His disease, we believe, was complicated and lingering, accompanied at times with no small amount of bodily suffering and pain; but this, as a Christian man, he had learned to expect as the lot of our common humanity, and in the light of faith to regard as so much parental discipline from the hand of that just and gracious Being who oftentimes chastens His children, not "for His own pleasure," but rather "for their profit," that they may be partakers of His holiness.

With such sentiments, and with the grace of God, to confirm them, and sustain him, he was enabled, with becoming patience to endure all he suffered, and with calm resignation to stay his soul on the truth and love of his all-sufficient Saviour.

His funeral took place on the morning of the 7th, at the M. P. Church in Washington street, near his late dwelling, and beside his family and friends, was attended by nearly all of his surviving brethren in the ministry, connected with the several stations in this city.

The religious services of the occasion were commenced with the 621st Hymn—

"Far from affliction, toil, and care,  
The happy soul is fled."

Prayer was then offered by the Rev. James K. Nichols, President of the Conference, followed by the reading of the 90th Psalm, as the Scripture Lesson of the day, and the 624th Hymn—

"Rejoice for a brother deceased,  
Our loss is his infinite gain."

Then a short address was made by Rev. F. Waters, in the way of improving the reflections suggested by the melancholy event, with a brief sketch of the character and usefulness of the excellent man, whom God, in His wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our Christian fellowship on earth.

Several of the ministerial brethren present acting as pall bearers, the hearse, and friends in attendance, then proceeded to Greenmount Cemetery, where the religious solemnities were concluded, with the funeral liturgy of the Church, by the Rev D. W. Bates and the Rev. J. T. Murray.

Thus, with appropriate Christian rites, the lifeless remains of our de-

parted brother were committed to the sanctity of the tomb; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; there to repose until "the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, at His second coming, shall change the vile bodies of His saints, and shall fashion them like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself."

"Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Brother Hamilton joined the Conference of the Maryland District at an early day after the constitutional organization of the Church in 1830. We feel much pleasure in saying that we always regarded him as a man well deserving the kind respect and affection of his brethren and of the Church—modest, unpretending, amiable; in short, a Christian gentleman in the best sense of that personal accomplishment. As a preacher, he was always earnest, zealous, ardent; in his whole purpose seeming to labor directly for the salvation of those that heard him. On some occasions he was powerful and overwhelming, and probably the fruits of such efforts, mighty and useful as they were at the time, will not be fully known until that great day when the "Chief Shepherd" shall Himself acknowledge them.

In addition, Brother Hamilton was one of the few that still remained of that band of noble spirits whose treasured names impart dignity and grace to the historic recollections of the earlier periods of the Church. It is indeed enough to make the heart sad to think that such men have now nearly passed away; men, whose worth would have been an ornament to any age, and than some of whom no greater lights have ever distinguished the American pulpit. We thank God that their memory lives, and is destined long to live in the men of like spirit that the Divine Providence has brought out, and is still rearing up to supply their places.

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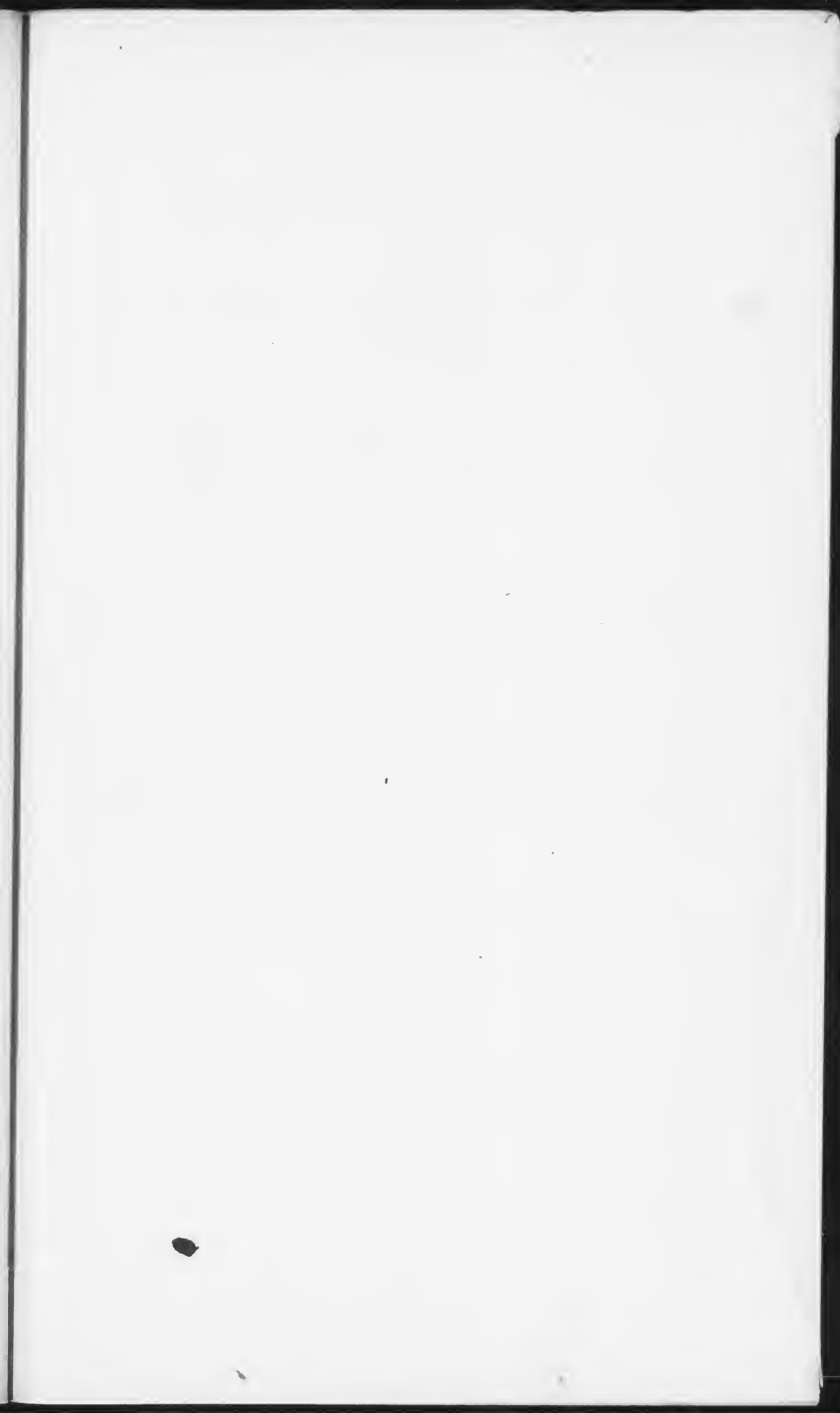
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